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In Re PATENT APPLICATION of

Applicant : Miki MULLOR et al. )  
Application No. : 09/164,777 )  
Filed : October 1, 1998 )  
For : METHOD OF RESTRICTING )  
SOFTWARE OPERATION WITHIN )  
A LICENSED LIMITATION )  
Attorney Docket : 32130-142820 )

LETTER REQUESTING  
NEW ACTION

November 17, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Examiner's Action of October 18, 2000 has been received. Because the Action is ambiguous as to the nature of the rejection, omits listing cited references on the form PTO-892 and fails to include copies of the references applied against at least claim 9 with the Action, it is requested that a new Action be issued with a new response date extending three-months from date of the new Action.

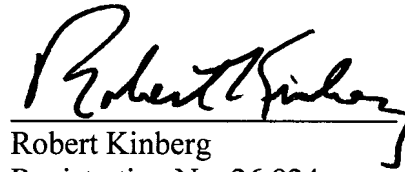
Specifically, the summary of the Action indicates claims 1-15 are rejected. However, in the body of the Action, only claims 1-13 are rejected. Claims 13 and 14 do not have any substantive rejections applied against them. It is also noted that in the first rejection on page 2, claims 1-4 and 11-13 are mentioned in the first part of the rejection, however, claims 6 and 10 also appear to be rejected in the narrative of this rejection.

The Richardson U.S. Patent No. 5,490,216 applied against claim 9 is not included on the form PTO-892 and no copy of this reference was supplied with the Action.

Finally, the Action fails to indicate receipt of the certified copy of the Priority Document which was filed with the Application on October 1, 1998. It is requested that in the new Action the Examiner acknowledge receipt of the Priority Document.

This letter is NOT a response to the pending Action but rather a request for issuance of a substitute Action with a new response date.

Respectfully submitted,



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